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Casualty exercise tests MCLB Barstow's emergency management system

By Rob L. Jackson
BARSTOW LOG staff

Shortly after 8 a.m. Tuesday a package, about the size of a shoebox, was delivered to Building 302 at MCLB Barstow.

Not realizing the contents of the package, personnel opened it detonating a charge that released an unknown gas.

The effect of the gas was instantaneous.

Everyone within the immediate area began feeling faint, nauseated and some began to lose consciousness. A few managed to stumble into the corridor and cry out for help while others, less effected by the gas, proceeded to assist their co-workers.

Someone finally managed to call 911.

Within minutes MCLB Barstow's Fire and Emergency Services arrived on scene followed by the military police.

The MPs immediately secured the main gate from all incoming and outgoing traffic, blocked streets leading

to the contaminated area, and established a perimeter around the building.

With the potential of having mass casualties the on-scene fire chief, having made a quick assessment of the situation, requested that the Emergency Operations Control Center be activated and the Crisis Management Team called in to assist with command and control of the situation.

While medical personnel set up a medical triage area nearby, Fire and Emergency Services began evacuation of the building. The team performed a room-to-room search of the building looking for injured personnel. What they found were people suffering from seizures, skin burns, vomiting, and a variety of other illnesses caused by the released gas.

After about 20 minutes the entire building was evacuated and declared cleared of personnel.

At that time the Hazardous Material Team made its way into the building to retrieve the remains of the deto-

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Photo by Rob Jackson

MCLB Barstow Fire and Emergency Services firefighters conduct a room-to-room search looking for personnel who may have been injured during the simulated gas attack in Building 302.

Coalition, Iraqi forces to conduct joint security patrols near Fallujah

By Gerry J. Gilmore
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON - Coalition and Iraqi forces soon will conduct joint security patrols in the troubled town of Fallujah, senior officials said today in Baghdad.

"We will have joint Iraqi Police Service, Iraqi Civil Defense Corps and coalition patrols ... come into the town of Fallujah," Army Brig. Gen. Mark Kimmitt, deputy operations director for Combined Joint Task Force 7, told reporters during a news conference.

Coalition and Iraqi security elements are going into Fallujah, the general explained, to occupy Iraqi police stations and establish street patrols to assert Iraqi control of the city. The joint patrols are part of a cease-fire agreement between coalition and Fallujah authorities that was announced April 19.

Kimmitt observed that outlawed weapons turn-

ins in Fallujah - also part of the cease-fire agreement - have left much to be desired. Thus far, he said small quantities of mostly old, worn-out weapons have been delivered.

Addressing reports that insurgents in Najaf are storing weapons in mosques, Dan Senor, chief CPA spokesman, noted that such a practice would not be tolerated.

Senor, who accompanied Kimmitt at the news briefing, said mosques used for storing weapons and other military purposes are not covered under the Geneva Convention, and therefore are legitimate targets.

Kimmitt told reporters that U.S. Marines Monday came under rocket-propelled-grenade and small-arms fire from a mosque in northwest Fallujah. The general said coalition forces returned fire and subsequently entered the mosque, which was deserted except for numerous spent shell casings found in the mosque's minaret prayer tower.

Later in the day, coalition troops were attacked and pinned down from small-arms and RPG fire coming from the same mosque, Kimmitt said. Requested coalition air and tank support fired on the mosque. Eight enemy troops were killed in the exchange, and the mosque received some damage, he reported. One coalition soldier died of his wounds and eight others were wounded, the general said.

Kimmitt also reported two U.S. soldiers were killed and five others were wounded today by an explosion during a search of a building in central Baghdad. Eight Iraqi civilians also were injured by the blast, he said.

The general also noted that a coalition observation post near Karbala was engaged by an enemy patrol late Sunday, and two of the enemy were killed. The situation in and around Basra, the site of recent car bombings, "continues to be peaceful," Kimmitt reported.

The Commander's Forum

The "Commander's Forum" is a tool of the base commander to hear and address the concerns of base residents, employees and others. To contact the Commander's Forum, call the hotline at 577-6535 or send your concerns via snail mail to Commander's Forum, Marine Corps Logistics Base, Barstow, CA 92311

Q I'm sending this e-mail in regards to the recent change in the family restaurant being moved to the Enlisted Club on weekends and nights. At first glance it looked like a very good idea, looking at how much closer the E-Club is to the barracks. I was wrong. The Enlisted Club is not an ideal place to serve chow on the weekends. Customer service has dropped. The op-

tion for a good balanced meal isn't there. There isn't a hot cocoa machine and there isn't a fountain for beverages, with the exception of soda. The club is just that, a club. It's dark; there are pool tables and beer advertisements everywhere.

I was sitting at a table and looking around and couldn't help but look at the family at the table next to me.

There were two young children sitting there with nothing really to look

at but beer advertisements. I don't think I would personally take my children somewhere like that for breakfast.

I'm not saying that there aren't hidden financial benefits to this move, but is it really worth the drop off in customer service?

So I respectfully send you this e-mail. I know and understand that young single Marines don't account for a large quantity of your business,

Submission

The Commander's Forum is used to keep the work force informed, to explain why things are they way they are or appear to be, and, when possible, to correct situations or make improvements. It is a two-way channel through which people may address concerns they're not able to resolve through the chain of command. Every Commander's

Forum call or e-mail is researched, even if it is not published in the Barstow Log. If "callers" identify themselves, they will receive a response. The key to having a question and its response published in the BARSTOW LOG is that it be specific and address things that may impact a significant amount of the base employees or tenants.

especially on weekends, but I'm not sending this e-mail on my behalf alone.

Please reconsider this move, if not for the Marines' sake, for the families' sake.

A Thank you for taking the time to send me your thoughts and suggestions regarding the move of

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Holy management ideas

By Lt. Cmdr. Randel Livingood
Base Chaplain



Recently I was having a discussion with some co-workers about different methods of management. We brought up some of the older management styles; MBO Management By Objective, MacGregor's X & Y theory, finally TQM Total Quality Management that migrated to Total Quality Leadership for the Military.

As we discussed these different approaches to management we began to see that each one had some things in common.

First, they have the objective of accomplishing tasks, or as we like to say in the military, accomplishing the mission.

There was also another common thread that ran through each of the methods and that was that people were involved in the process and that in order to accomplish the job or mission a manager had to somehow get the people to work. MacGregor theorized that there were

basically two types of people.

In essence that one type of person was self-motivated and ready to work and so took little supervision.

The other type was basically lazy and had to be monitored regularly to ensure that the work was being accomplished. Today's leadership or management theories have us dividing work into quadrants of importance, urgency, and priority and have moved the management equation back onto a smaller scale of each person managing their own time.

As my co-workers and I discussed these ideas I began to wonder about times before there were management plans devised and a period when there were no management gurus to tell us how to get things done.

The more I thought, the more I realized that I had heard some pretty good ideas about management out of Holy Scripture! I was initially amazed, although I should not have been, and then I began to look up what I thought was the main evidence of what is arguably the best management plan devised. The place I found was in the Gospel of St. John chapter 15.

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Just doing my job ...



Photo by Rob Jackson

Frank Marlowe, heavy mobile equipment mechanic, Maintenance Center Barstow, drills holes to install a tool box on an MK-17 boomer trailer. Marlowe, a retired Marine master gunnery sergeant, has been employed at the Maintenance Center for the last 12 years.

Chapel Services

Protestant Sun. 8:30 a.m.

Bible Study

Bible study will now be held at the Colonel's Workshop, Bldg. 573 Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:30 a.m. to 12 p.m..

For more info call 577-6849.



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Lunch Menu

Unless otherwise indicated lunch menus for the Family Restaurant, Cactus Cafe and the Lanzer's Lounge are the same. Lunch menus are subject to change.

Today – Chicken stir fry and fried rice.

Friday – Baked trout, grilled onions with steamed jasmine rice.

Monday – Chicken fried steak with mashed potatoes and gravy.

Tuesday – Beef taco bowl salad, refried beans, rice, salsa, guacamole and sour cream.

Wednesday – Sliced pork roast with New England potatoes.

Active duty military \$3.25, all others, including civilians \$4.75.

Lunch hours: Family Restaurant: 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cactus Cafe: 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Lanzer's Lounge: 11:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

For more information call 577-6428

Breakfast

Breakfast at the Family Restaurant is from 5:30 to 7:30 a.m., and at the Cactus Cafe from 5:30 to 6:30 a.m. Prices: Active duty military \$1.60, all others \$3.25.

Family Night Dining

Tonight – Prime Rib Night! Prime Rib \$6 for the first serving, \$.50 per ounce after that. Comes with baked potato, vegetable, tossed green salad and dessert.

Spring Fest

In tradition of the flag, mothers, and apple pie, Calico is sponsoring a bluegrass hootenanny May 7 through May 9.

A barbeque and barn dance with Riley's Mountaineers are festivities to be held on May 8.

Sing and clog for a pie each day of the event.

The Lampkins Family, the Hat Band, Cornbread Washtub Band, Silverado, Pat Cloud, High Hills and the Bon Family Cloggers are scheduled to perform at the event.

Camping is available at the event.

For more information, call 1-800-To-Calico or visit their Web site at www.calicotown.com.

Golf Scramble

The Mojave Valley Volunteer Hospice is scheduled to hold its 12th annual Golf Scramble May 15 at Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow's Tees 'n Trees Golf Course in honor of the men and women of the armed forces.

Players can make their own teams or sign up as an individual player by calling 252-5943. Teams are limited to five people.

The entry fee is \$40 and includes closest to pins on par 3s, team buy-in, lunch and Mulligans (\$1 each, maximum of five). Green fees and carts not included.

Continental breakfast and lunch will be provided to the players.

Check in is scheduled for 7 a.m. May 15 with tee off at 8 a.m. Awards and prizes will be presented at 2 p.m.

Deadline for registration is May 13 at 5 p.m.

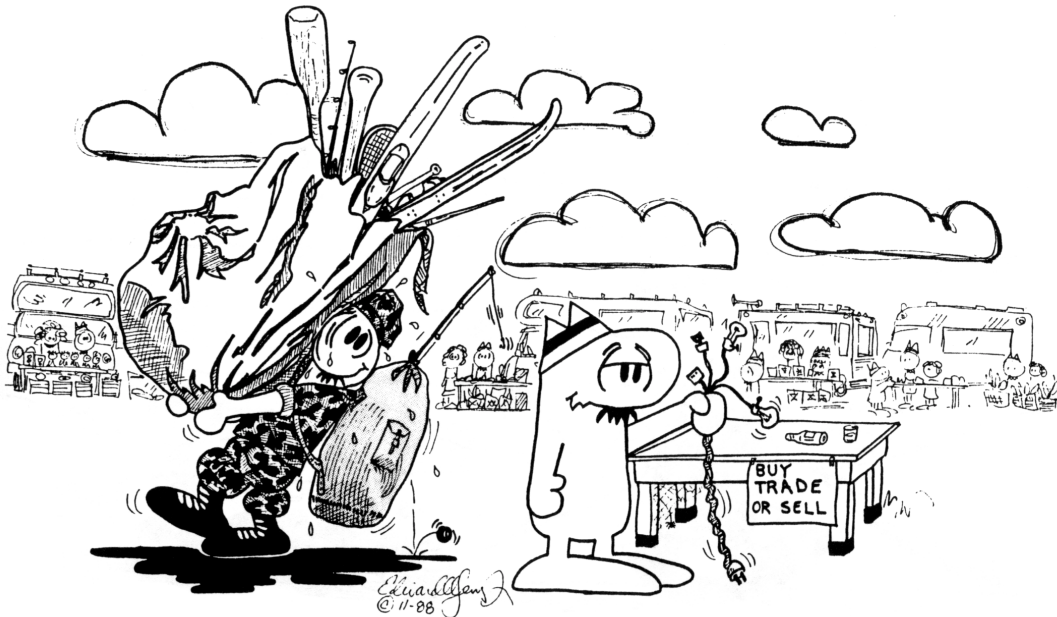
For more information, call Howard Hedberg at 252-5943 or MCLB Tees 'n Trees Golf Course at 577-6431.

Luncheon

The Asian Pacific Islander Committee is scheduled to hold a luncheon May 20 from 11 a.m. to

101 things you should never ask a Marine to do

By E. Temple



Never ask a Marine to go to a swap meet.

12:30 p.m. at the Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow's Oasis Club.

The event is open to all military, civilian employees and their guests with supervisor's approval.

Giovanni Galacgac, structural engineer of the Public Works section will be the guest speaker.

Teriyaki chicken, steamed jasmine rice, stir-fry vegetables, rolls, butter and iced tea will be served.

Tickets cost \$7.50 and can be purchased from the following API committee members by May 13:

Tulu Niusulu 577-7180
Sam Callejo 577-6632
Hegi King 577-7695
Vee Pasco 577-6884
Fred Molino 577-7210
Debbie Anilao 577-6746
Corina Bonner 577-6619
Amy Mandap 577-6895
Marva Johnson 577-6965

DEFY

The Drug Education For Youth program (Phase 1) schedule is out. Mentors and Counselors are

currently attending classes to ensure a safe and fun learning environment for the children.

The deadline for applications is May 7, with a parent's notification scheduled for May 12 and an orientation May 17.

The camp will be held June 14 through 18.

Due to the camp's location, limited spaces are available.

Applications are located at the Base Chaplain's Office, the Youth Activities Center and the Headquarters Battalion office.

For more information, call Staff Sgt. Lafawn Skipper at 577-6849.

CHP on pursuit

The law abiding public can play a big part in the success of the California Highway Patrol's pursuit of individuals who illegally register their vehicles in other states.

"Some people think they can avoid California registration fees by getting plates from other states," said CHP Commissioner Spike Helmick.

"We are asking honest, law abiding citizens to help us find the scofflaws and set things right."

The CHP has pursued registration violations on its own for years. Some officers make it their pet project, keeping an eye peeled for out of state vehicles, even when they are off duty.

When people move to California, they have 20 days to register their vehicle here.

If this doesn't happen within the time frame, it means the state loses the money that should be going toward maintaining its infrastructure.

Active duty military personnel and their spouses stationed in California are exempt from

registering their cars in state unless they are originally from California. Federal law allows service members to register their vehicles in their home state of record or the last state they were stationed in.

Students paying out of state tuition fees, who attend public California universities and colleges are also exempt from the registration requirements.

A new program set forth by the CHP, called CHEATERS, Californians Help Eliminate All the Evasive Registration Scofflaws, asks Californians to take an active role in spotting vehicles improperly registered outside the state of California. Anyone who spots an out of state plate can anonymously report it to the CHP Web site at www.chp.ca.gov.

The vehicle information reported will be checked for legitimacy and the legal owner will be notified if the car should be registered in California.

Leave Sharing Program

Purificacion Pasco, Marine Corps Community Services, has been affected by a medical emergency.

Anyone desiring to donate leave under the Leave Sharing Program may obtain a leave donor application through their division/section administrative officer.

For more information, call Donna Wilder or Johnnie Curtis, Civilian Management Support Division, at 577-6638/6734.

NMCRS Fund Drive

April 12 marked the beginning of the Navy Marine Corps Relief Society Fund Drive.

Job Watch

Annc No.	Title/Series/Grade	Open	Close	1st Cutoff	Location
SW7002-04-178452-DE	Packer WG-7002-06	4-22-2004	5-5-2004	4-23-2004	MCLB Barstow

Applicants interested in the above positions should submit resumes online at the following Web sites: <http://www.donhr.navy.mil> or <http://www.usajobs.opm.gov>.

For information regarding Open Continuous announcements point your browser to <http://www.donhr.navy.mil>.

For more information concerning job announcements visit the Self-Service Center, Building 236, Mondays through Fridays from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. or call the Human Resources Office at 577-6357/6279/6481.

This is not an official list. Please see the Web sites listed for a complete list.

‘Black Cadillacs’ booted, replaced by MCCBs

By Pfc. Ashley Warden
Combat Correspondent

The days of boot polishing are soon to be over for Marines. The old “black Cadillac” combat boots will be phased out, as the required date for all Marines to own at least one pair of both the new Marine Corps combat boots hot weather and temperate weather is Oct.1, 2004.

The commandant of the Marine Corps approved the adoption of the modified combat boots June 6, 2001.

“The uniform is designed to improve durability and combat utility while providing Marines with a Marine unique uniform,” stated then Commandant of the Marine Corps Gen. James Jones in ALMAR 028/02.

The new Marine Corps combat boots were developed at the Army Materiel Command’s U.S. Army Soldier Systems Center, located in Natick, Mass. They were designed to replace the old black jungle boots and tan desert boots with a single advanced design.

As of April 1, 2004, the green and black jungle boots were no longer authorized to wear with any of the utility uniforms. Black leather boots, except safety boots, are no longer authorized for wear with the new Marine Corps combat utility uniforms, but may still be worn with the older camouflage utilities until Oct. 1, 2004, states ALMAR 028/02.

“The Marine Corps wanted to get away from black because it is an unnatural color,” stated the Customer Support Team at Natick.

“With night vision goggles, these tans are virtually invisible, while black boots glow.” The improved boots are made with nylon and rough-side-out leather that cannot be shinned, but this does not mean that Marines should not keep up with the high standard of appearance that is present in the Marine Corps.

The boots should be taken care of and kept clean, not “dressed up,” according to the Marine Corps Systems Command, Quantico, Va.

Sand, dirt and grit, have a deterioration action on shoe threads and leathers, so it is important to keep the boots clean, states the Marine Corps Training and Education Command. Defective gear can conflict with the combat readiness of a Marine.

“The boots were intentionally designed to be low maintenance,” states the Marine Corps Systems Command. “The only authorized manner of cleaning them is with a scrub brush and plain water.”

Marines are not allowed to use forced air, such as radiators or hair blowers, to dry the boots after cleaning because it will cause the leather to stiffen and cause cracks, states ALMAR 015/02.

Application of special treatments such as waterproofing sealants and wax polish will seal the pores and restrict breathing of the leather. Such products are not endorsed for use on the tan boots.

Leather conditioner is also prohibited, for it will cause excessive and permanent fading or darkening of the brown leather tanning. The

original boot color, called olive Mojave, was chosen because it increases concealment. It is green enough that it doesn’t stick out in a jungle environment, according to the boot designers. Darkening this shade could throw off the concealment.

Sandpaper or a wire brush may be used to rough out the leather in “hot spots,” or areas worn smooth by excessive wear, until they have the surface appearance consistent with other areas of the leather boot.

“Although these guidelines may seem very restrictive, they are intended to make sure the leather is not damaged and to emphasize that the boot is designed for combat functionality instead of garrison appearance,” Marine Corps System Command states.

Maintaining footwear is necessary to ensure maximum wear as well as protect the healthy, sanitary condition of the feet, according to ALMAR 015/02.

The high demand for the new Marine Corps combat boots has led to many knock-offs. The fakes have the eagle, globe and anchor branded on the heel just like the authorized boot. The best way to tell if a boot is authorized is by looking at the manufacturer’s label on the inside with a certification number, according to the Marine Corps Systems Command.

The Marine Corps has adopted standards for all equipment used by Marines. When this equipment lives up to the standards, it is given a Marine Corps Approval Identification Number.

Those that are sold without the identifica-



tion number means they haven’t been approved by the Marine Corps because they do not meet the standards and could be defective in some way.

Boots made by the Belleville Shoe Manufacturing Co. and Bates-Wolverine are the only two manufacturers currently approved to make the new boots for the Marine Corps.

Boots that do not have both the Marine Corps emblem on the heel and the identification number on the inside are not sanctioned for wear, states MARADMIN 112/04.

Being a Marine means many things to many people: honor, discipline, commitment ... but along with being a Marine comes the high standards set forth by previous Marines. With the new uniforms, there is less that needs to be done to meet this standard, but there are still things that can be done to make the uniform look better.

Cleaning boots will ensure the serviceability of the item as well as keep them looking good. Following the standards put forth by the Marine Corps will keep with the fact that Marines always follow orders.

DEFY program keeps kids on drug-free track

By Lance Cpl. Jenna Lassandrello Pine Summit in Big Bear.
Combat Correspondent

The Drug Education for Youth program, a self-esteem building program that provides children with the tools they need to resist drugs, gangs and alcohol is holding a summer camp and yearlong mentoring for the children of service members on MCLB Barstow.

Applications for children ages 9-12 of active duty service members and DOD employees are due by May 7.

There is limited space, and children of service members have priority for the available space.

Applications to enroll children in the DEFY program can be found at the Base Chaplin's Office, the Youth Activities Center and the Headquarters Battalion in Building 15.

Parents will be notified whether their child can participate in the DEFY program by May 12, and there is a mandatory parent orientation on May 17.

The main event in the DEFY year is the summer camp trip to

The camp is scheduled to be held from June 14 to 18.

"It is good to take the kids away from the things that may be influencing or pressuring them, get them into a neutral environment. And going to camp is something they enjoy, we want them to have a good time while they are learning," said Gunnery Sgt. Tad Snidecor, the camp director for this year's resident DEFY program and the supply officer of HqBn MCLB Barstow.

The DEFY campers will participate in activities such as swimming, hiking and a rope courses and will taking classes such as team building, solving conflict and resistance skills.

The camp will concentrate on preparing children to deal with potentially destructive situations such as being pressured to join a gang or influenced to try drugs.

DEFY focuses on building self- image as well as setting goals, while emphasizing teamwork, according to the DEFY Web site.

The second part of the DEFY year features monthly trips or



Photo courtesy of <http://www.hq.navy.mil/defy>

Children participating in the DEFY program can expect to participate in various outdoor activities such as sporting events and camping, according to Gunnery Sgt. Tad Snidecor, DEFY camp director. "It is good to take the kids away from the things that may be influencing or pressuring them, get them into a neutral environment. And going to camp is something they enjoy; we want them to have a good time while they are learning," he said.

activities with the children and their sponsors.

"These trips will allow the children to spend time with their sponsors, have fun and reiterate

what they learned at camp," said Snidecor.

"The main goal is to get to the kids before or around the time that they start being faced

with these issues and prepare them to handle them," said Snidecor. For more information, contact the DEFY coordinator, Staff Sgt. Lafawn Skipper at 577-6849.

MARINE DAY 2004



Photo by Cpl. Clinton Firstbrook

LAV Maintenance Chief, Staff Sgt. Leslie Ryan and LAV Mechanic, Sgt. James Brown of the 4th Armored Reconnaissance Battalion wait inside their light armored vehicle for Marine Day attendees to come aboard and feel what it's like to traveling on the muddy roads through Quantico.



Photo by Cpl. Clinton Firstbrook

Marines from Quantico's Combat Instructor Company rappel out of a CH-46 to engage a simulated threat during a live fire exercise for Marine Day.

By Cpl. Clinton Firstbrook Henderson Hall

QUANTICO, Va. — Three hundred congressional staff members stood next to the Bowling Air Force Base football field waiting for their ride to participate in Marine Day 2004. But instead of departing in buses, eight CH-53s and three CH-46 helicopters touched down to escort them on an adventure.

For more than a decade, the Marine Corps has set a day aside to give hands-on demonstrations of the capabilities of its air-ground team to the House and Senate.

"Marine Day was a fantastic experience for all who attended," said congressional staff assistant Cody Keenan.

"It was extremely interesting to experience the Marine Corps' equipment and technology and see Marine tactics in action. By far, the most impressive sight was the phalanx of helicopters landing at Bowling Air Force Base to pick us up in the morning and again at Quantico in the afternoon."

The first item on the schedule was an air show that included an F/A-18 strike-fighter jet flyby and an AV-8B Harrier attack jet demonstration.

Static displays ranging from aircraft to artillery and simulators to weapon systems were also on display.

"The focus of Marine Day is to educate congressional staffers on our programs and issues," said Marine Day coordinator Lt. Col. Raymond Celeste.

"We also emphasize how self-sufficient we are and, most importantly, what we can do. They leave with a much better understanding of the Marine Corps and the young Marines that make up the majority."

At noon, staffers and interns were shown where they would eat their afternoon chow, which consisted of a meal-ready-to-eat, water, and not much else.

"When we were eating our MREs one lady asked me where the plates were," laughed congressional liaison Cpl. Kinzo Mihara.

"When you explain that this is how things are done out in the fleet, just from small bits of information like that, they gain a better appreciation of what we do."

Next on the agenda, attendees were flown down to Range 15 to witness a live-fire exercise. The Marine rifle squad, fast rope drills, explosions, and LAV rides were featured. Participants were also allowed to fire some of the Marine Corps' weapons.

"I thought it was incredible that they went out of their way to show us what the Marine Corps does," said Congressional intern Sarah Martin. "Firing the .50 cal is something I'd never thought I would be able to do. Shooting a weapon with that amount of power behind it is really something else. I felt like I was in a real training environment and I definitely would like to attend next year."

Hundreds of Marines from commands throughout the East Coast worked together ironing out details to have the event come off without any problems.

"Our first meeting is in January and we get together at least once a month until April," said Celeste. "There is a tremendous amount of preparation needed to make sure this event goes smoothly. Marine Corps Base Quantico, the Marine Corps Air Facility, the 2nd and 4th Marine Aircraft Wings, plus many other units were involved or participated in the event."

"To make everything happen it takes days upon days of coming in at (5 a.m.) and leaving at (8 p.m.), but in the past three years, this one was by far the best we've had," said assistant Instructor Battalion operations chief Sgt. Peter Williams.

"Everything went according to plan and it all synced up. We could have made all the phone calls and pressed all of the buttons, but it was the Marine who participated that made that day into a success."



Photo by Cpl. Clinton Firstbrook

Marines from Quantico's Combat Instructor Company run out of light armored vehicle as part of a live fire exercise during Marine Day.

CIRCUS

comes to MCLB Barstow

By Lance Cpl. Jenna Lassandrello
Combat Correspondent

The Culpepper and Merriweather Great Combined Circus attracted a crowd of around 1,300 people to Sorensen Field on April 24 when their traveling Big Top stopped at MCLB Barstow.

The circus, which tours from March to October with around 40 employees, 24 animals and 20 vehicles, was visiting MCLB Barstow for the second time.

The circus, which was open to anyone, presented two shows, one at 2:00 p.m. and one at 4:30 p.m.

The shows had many fun acts, such as animal acts, a family unicycle act, clowns, and a hula-hoop act.

Some of the highlights were the Las Pampas troupe's teeterboard and trampoline act and their juggling skills demonstrated with props that were on fire. The animal menagerie was displayed all day, which had animals such as Shetland ponies, goats and lamas.

Marine Corps Community Services sponsored the circus. "Overall it was a huge success," said Linda Gallegos, marketing technician for MCCA.



Photo by Pfc Nich R. Babb

Doodles the Clown, a clown for the Culpepper and Merriweather Circus, gives a self-portrait to an unsuspecting spectator, Saturday April 24, who thought she was receiving a portrait of herself.



Photo by Lance Cpl. Jenna Lassandrello

Mychelle, part of the Las Pampas Troupe in the Culpepper and Merriweather Circus, showed off her skills during her hula hoop act.



Photo by Pfc Nich R. Babb

Casey Cainan attempted to put an end to the distracting antics put on by his pesky dog Trash Can Twyla. Twyla made Cainan's job difficult by jumping on his back and playing with his newspaper pile at the circus on Saturday.



Photo by Lance Cpl. Jenna Lassandrello

(Left) Members from the Las Pampas Troupe awed crowds at the Culpepper and Merriweather circus with their exciting flame juggling act.

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nated package.

After several more minutes passed the HazMat Team declared the building safe for entry.

Members of the military K-9 unit along with the Criminal Investigative Division entered the building to conduct a search for other unnoticed packages and perform a preliminary investigation of the scene.

Meanwhile, within the walls of the EOCC it was what one might consider controlled chaos, according to Lt. Col. Charles Hamilton, MCLB Barstow executive officer.

"It was loud, a lot of shouting over the telephones and radios; typical of what would happen during the initial minutes of a crisis in an operations center," he said.

"You're trying to contact all the outside agencies and higher headquarters to let them know what's going on."

The aforementioned scenario was only a test to evaluate MCLB Barstow's ability to counter or contain a terrorist threat.

By Marine Corps Order installations are required to conduct an annual Anti-Terrorism and Force Protection exercise, which is intended to observe and evaluate the operational capa-

bility of the emergency management system in an interactive manner, according MCLB Barstow Base Bulletin 3300.

The exercise, dubbed Desert Strike, requires the actual movement of personnel, emergency workers, equipment, and resources required to demonstrate coordination and response capabilities. It is also a test of teamwork.

How did MCLB Barstow fair during the exercise? Based on the after-action report, MCLB Barstow passed with flying colors in response to this simulated emergency. Within one and a half hours, from start to finish, the exercise was declared a success and the "injured personnel" were treated and released.

It was very realistic and fell right in character with what could possibly happen during a crisis situation, according to Hamilton.

"Everyone took it very seriously and did a great job," he said. "The fire department, PMO, ASD, to the comptroller, they all did a great job and the base commander was very pleased with the outcome of the exercise overall."

There were some lessons learned from the exercise but according to the executive officer, this put MCLB Barstow one step closer to being prepared for actual situations similar to this exercise.

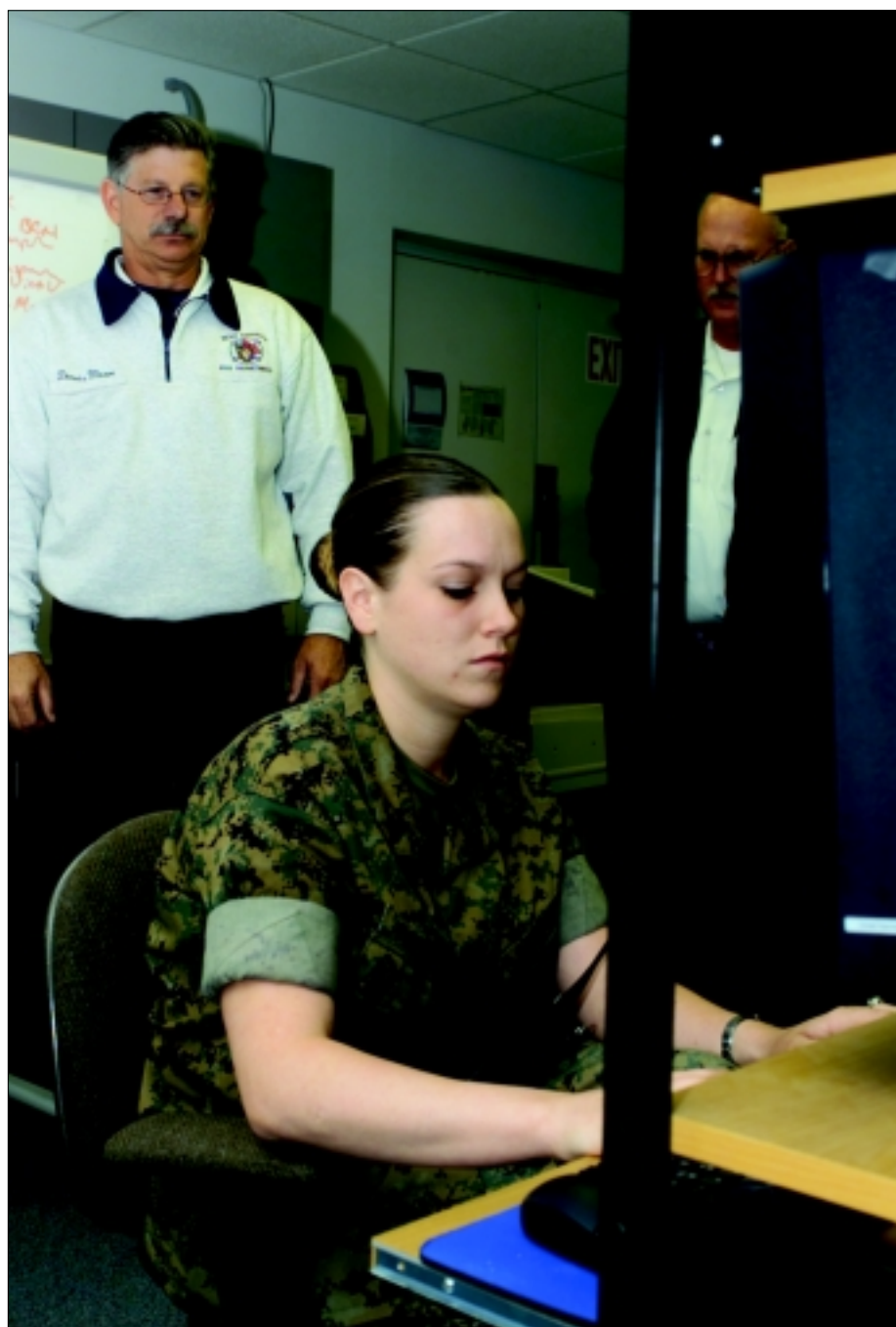


Photo by Rob Jackson

Lance Cpl. Karah Barrera keeps the situation report updated as fresh information flows in from the on-site manager through radio traffic.



Photo by Rob Jackson

(foreground) Lance Cpl. Christal Powell has her vitals checked by engineer Rickie Johnson as Cpl. Joshua Hanger is brought to safety from the contaminated building by Capt. Rickie Dunham (right) and firefighter Jessie Griego.



Photo by Rob Jackson

Marines injured by the gas attack on Building 302 receive medical attention at the triage area after being evacuated from the contaminated building.

April dedicated ‘Month of the Military Child’

By **Lance Cpl. Jenna Lassandrello**
Combat Correspondent

Under designation of the Secretary of Defense, April is the month of the Military Child. “We take great pride in setting aside the month to recognize the contributions and personal sacrifices our children make to our Corps,” said former commandant of the Marine Corps Gen. James L. Jones, in ALMAR 018/02.

Many often say being a spouse of a Marine the hardest job in the Marine Corps. But the stresses of military life affect the entire family of a Marine. The children of Marines must also learn to handle deployments, time constraints, and the constant moving every few years that comes along with their parent’s responsibility to the Corps.

“Military children have a very different lifestyle than children with civilian parents,” said Grace Walls, the training, curriculum and family child care director at the Child Development Center here.

“The differences between the two are both good and bad. Moving frequently, for example, can help children learn to be flexible

to change, gain exposure to many different locations and develop social skills. On the other hand, children often don’t have the support of extended family living close by or the opportunity to grow up with the same circle of friends.”

Children with military parents can often need support to make up for the lack of stability in their lives, said Walls. “The military has a lot of programs that provide this support.”

On this base there are many services provided by the Marine and Family Service Division, the Child Development Center and the Youth Activity Center for children of all ages. The staff at the Child Development Center is trained on the special needs of military families so that they can provide the care needed by military children, said Walls.

Even though military children are making sacrifices they feel, on some level, a sense of pride for being able to say they are military children, she said.

The children enjoy being recognized during the month of April for the contributions they are making, said Walls. “They deserve to be respected and honored for the contributions they make.”



Photo by Lance Cpl. Jenna Lassandrello

Capt. James Boerigter, the Headquarters Battalion executive officer played with his son Ethan during the Month of the Military Child Family Picnic held on March 23 at the Child Development Center here.

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evening and weekend dining to the NCO/Enlisted Club. The decision to move evening and weekend dining service to the club was made after careful consideration of how to best meet the primary purpose of providing food service to the military personnel residing in the barracks while reducing costs.

We were serving evening meals to the same number of customers at the NCO/Enlisted Club as we were at the Family Restaurant.

Since the club is the primary social and recreation facility for the junior, single personnel, it is open every evening and weekend, and has a full kitchen capable of serving a full menu, the decision was made that it would best meet the requirements while reducing overall costs.

While the first week of evening meals produced the expected number of customers, the first weekend was not as well executed and poor customer service resulted.

Herman Wagner, Food and Hospitality Branch head, met with several customers to solicit their input as to how to improve the atmosphere and service offered at the club.

A revised and expanded menu is being implemented based on the input from the Single Marine Program. As a result of just some basic attention to detail, a focus on customer

service, and implementing customer suggestions, the second weekend resulted in the largest customer turnout we have experienced for breakfast, surpassing what we normally see at the restaurant during the week. It is my intent to continue to improve the quality of the menu offered, customer service, and the overall atmosphere of the NCO/Enlisted Club to make it an enjoyable social and recreational gathering place for our young Marines and Sailors as well as a first-rate dining experience for all of our patrons.

I hope I have provided you with the type of feedback you were looking for in your inquiry, if you have any further questions or concerns about the restaurant or clubs, please don't hesitate to stop by the Family Restaurant, when time permits and speak with Herman Wagner, he will be happy to discuss this or any other matter with you.

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In that pericope Jesus says some pretty good things about the way we deal with people and how to live and work together. He begins by asking those who are with him to "love one another." Certainly a task that is easier said than done. Maybe the greatest challenge we face in the work place is our inability to love each other the way we are loved by

those who know us.

If we find ourselves unable to recall anyone who loves us then that may suggest that we have some real problems relating to other people. If we can overcome that, then we can learn to love others and ourselves in return.

Once we have learned to love one another then we can reach the next phase of this management plan; the ability to be willing to lay down our lives for each other.

This is a concept that is widely known and utilized in the military.

There are many right now who are laying down their lives for us and for others around the globe.

Whether we agree with the reasons or not, we cannot disagree with the fact that these brave women and men are in harms way in our stead.

The next phase of the plan is that we are no longer considered servants, rather we are known as friends.

The barrier between management and workers or "us and them" is broken down. Friends will work together to accomplish any task because they know that the common goal is worth achieving. Friends will work hard and will work together because they care about each other and about what they are doing.

Friends know what the goals of the group are and there are no secrets since everyone stands on equal footing.

Yes, someone leads the way, but that does not make them any better than those who are following. If we can learn and employ these principles our lives will be enriched, not by the amount of work we can accomplish, rather by the relationships we build and the lives that touch.

Peace,

Fr Randel

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Contribution forms need to be filled out for each individual donation, whether for cash or check.

The donor, for tax purposes, keeps the bottom copy.

Payroll deduction/allotments will be available for active duty personnel only.

The goal this year is to make 100 percent contact.

All money donated to the fund drive go to the charity, without administrative expenses.

Call 1st Lt. Michael Smith at 577-6726 or 2nd Lt. Ayanna Harrison at 577-6155 with any questions.

The following is a list of key volunteers:

- Meredith Taylor -- HROx6478
- Barbara Ybarra -- Public Works x6127
- Annie Breitenback -- Public Works x6147
- David Reeves -- Contracting & Purchasing x6931
- 1st Lt. Aniela Szymanski -- SJA x6678
- Gunnery Sgt. Michael Parker -- Base Safety x6984
- Bertie Dailey -- PAO x6430
- Staff Sgt. Daniel Dorado -- S-3 x6960
- Jack Stormo -- Environmental Div. x6937
- Carlos Alborno -- Environmental Div. x6856
- Cpl. Thomas Maxwell -- FSD x7052
- Erin Foster -- Comptroller x6643
- 2nd Lt. Ayanna Harrison -- ASD x6155
- Ruby Adams -- Comm x6461
- Mike Burke -- MCB x7297
- Michelle Eichler -- MCB x7811
- Staff Sgt. James Daly -- PMO x6193
- Staff Sgt. Lafawn Skipper -- Chaplain's Office x6849
- James Yarbrough -- Installation & Logistics Division x6026
- Mary Griffiths -- BMC x6491



By Jim Gaines

MCCS Publicity

Mother's Day Sale

Get your cards and candy for Mom right here at the Super Seven Store.

Check out the great gift ideas we are offering, plus a super flower special - one dozen pre-wrapped long stem roses for only \$21.99

For more information, call the Super Seven Store at 256-8974.

The Super Seven Store and Gas Station hours are Mondays through Fridays 6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Credit card sales for gas at the pumps are 24/7.

Club activities

At the Oasis Club this week: Tonight is Happy Hour from 3:30 to 6 p.m.

Friday is TGIFamily Night. Tuesday is Burn Your Own Steak

Night, and Wednesday is Movie Night.

Thursday is Happy Hour from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

For more information, call 577-6418.

At the Enlisted Club this week: Darts, pool, TV and CD music every night. TGIFriday! every Friday. Saturdays, Sundays, Mondays and Tuesdays are Bar and Grill Nights, and Wednesday is Midweek Relaxation Hour from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Sunday, be sure to catch the NBA game at the club.

For more information, call 577-6418

New Parents Support

The New Parents Support Program offers classes and specials to help new parents with their growing families.

Playmornings: Bring your children (5 years old and younger) to a fantastic time of toys, simple crafts, music and camaraderie.

This is a great way to get out of the house and meet other families who have children the same age as your child.

Activities are available for children who are just learning to walk, as well as those who are pre-school age.

Please register at Marine and Family Services, Building 129, or phone 577-6332/6533 before Wednesday. You will need your child's up to date immunization record to register. This program is free.

New Parents Basic Training:

Tuesday 9 a.m. to noon - in the FAP classroom, Building 129.

Infant Massage: May 11, 1 to 2 p.m. - location and time to be announced.

Toilet Training: May 18, 1 to 2 p.m. - in FAP classroom, Building 129.

For more information on the New Parents Support Program or any of the classes offered, please call Robin Lindsay at 577-6332.

Free Wednesday Movies

Free movies every Wednesday at the Enlisted Club on the patio. Bring your own chair, blanket and picnic dinner and take in a movie - it's free. This week's movie is "Alex and Emma." The film is rated PG13. The length of the film is one hour, 36 minutes. Movies begin at dusk. For more information, call 577-6817.

Mother's Day Brunch at the Family Restaurant



Menu

*Baron of beef carved on line with au jus,
baked and fried chicken,
bacon, sausage, Mojo potatoes, cut corn,
pancakes, french toast, omelets made to order,
tossed green salad, fresh cut fruits,
apple and peach cobblers
and
flowers for all Mothers*

Adults \$10.95

Children (ages 5 to 11) \$6.95

Call 577-6428

2000 TOYOTA TUNDRA: Limited access cab w/4 doors, shell, bed liner, A/C, AM/FM CD player, 69000 Mi, KBB \$14,180, ASKING \$14,950. Call 256-6632.

1999 CHEVY S-10: 55,000 miles, great on gas, lots of extras, \$7,000. OBO. Call 255-2771 to see.

1996 CHEVY CAMARO: Z-28, "immaculate", Red, 59K miles, leather interior, all power, T-top, auto trans, tinted windows, \$9,500 OBO. Call cell anytime (760) 590-9665.

1966 DODGE POLARA: Station wagon, 383 engine auto, air, roof rack, runs, needs TLC, \$1,200. Call 254-1013.

1966 PLYMOUTH FURY: 383 engine auto, air, four door, runs, needs TLC, \$1,200. Call 254-1913.

MOTORCYCLES: 2003 Honda Metropolitan motorcycle, if you hate current gas prices, 100 miles per tank, great work vehicle but not freeway legal, \$1,500; hitch mount tilt-a-rack, for small motorcycle, \$200 firm. Call 254-2295. Lv msg.

MISCELLANEOUS: Carpet, Burgundy, 12 x14, xlt cond., \$50. Call 256-1653. Lv msg.

MISCELLANEOUS: Bridgestone truck tires (LT235/75/R15), Xlt Cond., \$200; sofa (Hide-a-bed), brand new never been used, gray/blue in color, \$250. Call 256-1430.

MISCELLANEOUS: Dinette set 42" glass table top with 4 chairs, \$60. Call 255-4339.

MISCELLANEOUS: Twin day bed with mattress \$75, OBO; sky blue sofa and loveseat set, \$175, OBO; 1-door touch lamp, 1-desk touch lamp set, \$50, OBO; 1-large white 3-drawer dresser w/cabinet on side, \$75, OBO; large gird cage, \$35, OBO. Call 252-4787 or 447-2771.

MISCELLANEOUS: Two bow back barstool kits, \$20 each; one IBM Selectric typewriter, needs cleaning, \$30; one 2 inch hitch ball, \$10; empty Qt canning jars, \$20 takes all. Call 254-2295. Lv msg.

MISCELLANEOUS: Baby items for sale; entertainment center, \$30, OBO; rocking cradle w/ bedding, \$65, OBO; large stroller, \$80, OBO; small stroller, \$35, OBO; swing

set, \$30, OBO; Blues blue blanket (twin size) w/ drapes and sheets, \$45, OBO. Call 252-4787or 447-2771.

MISCELLANEOUS: VW bug older style mages 5 lug all 4 rims, \$75, dual quad aluminum manifold for a 327 Chevy, \$125; 1988 and newer Honda Civic interior parts, make offer. Call 254-1913.

MISCELLANEOUS: Sears Kenmore electric clothes dryer, almond color, works but makes noise, FREE, you pick up. Call 252-3886.

MISCELLANEOUS: Dog Igloo for medium to large dogs, like new \$60. Call 252-9120. Lv msg.

